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To whom it may concern:

I have been a independent software engineering consultant for the last 12 years. Having seen the effect of Microsoft's criminal anticompetitive actions firsthand, I am saddened that the Department of Justice will allow Microsoft to escape any meaningful penalty.

Please consider the harm to the technological leadership of America that a criminally dominant Microsoft does. By illegally destroying competition, the impetus for technological advancement has been harmed in the American marketplace. Free markets make America strong. Microsoft has destroyed the free market forces in the desktop computing marketplace. Economic diversity in the technology marketplace is vital to the security of our country.

Thank you for your time.

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